

Amendments to the Claims

The listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings of claims in the application.

Claims 1-40 (cancelled)

41. (currently amended) A method of removing a clostridial toxin from a preparation of clostridial toxin derivatives, comprising:

- (i) applying said preparation to a first affinity column, wherein said first affinity column comprises a first ligand immobilised on said first affinity column, and wherein said first ligand selectively binds to the clostridial toxin but does not bind to the clostridial toxin derivatives, thereby forming to form an immobilised first ligand-clostridial toxin complex, ligand-toxin complex;
- ~~(ii)~~ ~~binding said clostridial toxin to the first ligand, thereby forming an immobilised ligand-toxin complex and an eluate comprising the clostridial toxin derivatives, wherein said eluate may contain an amount of first ligand-clostridial toxin ligand-toxin complex that has become detached from the first affinity column;~~
- ~~(iii)~~ (ii) contacting said eluate with a second affinity column, wherein said second affinity column comprises a second ligand immobilised on said second affinity column, and wherein said second ligand selectively binds to the first ligand, or selectively binds to the first ligand-clostridial toxin complex, or selectively binds to the clostridial toxin, if ligand-toxin complex present in

the eluate, but does not bind to the clostridial toxin derivatives present in the eluate; and

~~(iv) obtaining a preparation that is substantially free from clostridial toxin~~ thereby removing the clostridial toxin from the preparation of clostridial toxin derivatives.

42. (previously presented) The method of Claim 41, wherein the first ligand is an antibody.

43. (previously presented) The method of Claim 41, wherein the first ligand is a metal ion.

44. (previously presented) The method of Claim 41, wherein the second ligand is an antibody.

45. (previously presented) The method of Claim 41, wherein the second ligand is Protein G.